

# **MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**June 18, 2004**

**\*\*\* APPROVED – September 28, 2004 \*\*\***

### **Members Present:**

The Honorable Amy Krause, Chair  
Gwendolyn Brown  
Marie Donigan  
Lore Rogers  
Honorable Edward Sosnick

### **Staff Present:**

Michelle Bynum  
Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Celestine Colton  
Debbie Felder-Smith  
Carol Hackett Garagiola  
Julie Giddings  
Penny Hackett-Evans  
Shelia Hankins

Sarah Heuser  
Mary Lovik  
Barbara Mills  
Carri Phillips  
Karen Porter  
Myia Welsh, Intern  
Joyce Wright

### **Guests:**

Cindy Fricke, Grand Traverse Band  
David Garvin, Alternatives to Domestic Abuse  
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV  
Michelle Hernandez, Michigan State Police  
Carol Marshall, FBI  
Tiffany Martinez, Haven  
Julie Ramsey, Little River Band  
Victoria Reese, DV-Safe Place (Battle Creek)  
Tom Robertson, PACC/PAAM  
Herb Tanner, PACC/PAAM  
Guy Thompson, FIA Families First  
Sara Wallace, DV-Safe Place (Battle Creek)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The June 18, 2004 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the Michigan Library & Historical Museum in Lansing, MI, convened at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

## **ENDS MONITORING**

D. Cain announced that the Safe Havens 3-year grant is being extended by one year and will continue through 2006. S. Hankins provided a detailed summary of the Safe Havens safety and accountability audit report. T. Martinez provided information on the Safe Havens project at HAVEN in Oakland County.

## **BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda, approval of April 30, 2004 Board meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to approve the June 18, 2004 agenda. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to approve the meeting minutes from April 30, 2004. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

A. Krause, M. Donigan, E. Sosnick, D. Cain, M. Lovik and C. Hackett Garagiola participated in a legislative conference call on June 7.

C. Hackett Garagiola reviewed legislative updates.

Discussed HB5493 which would amend MCL 780.621 to increase to two the number of misdemeanors that could be expunged from a person's criminal record, and would decrease the waiting period from five years to two years for filing an application to expunge a misdemeanor conviction from a criminal record. MDVPTB staff prepared a memo dated 6-18-04 recommending that the Board oppose the bill in its current form, and further recommending that the Board propose expanding the list of crimes for which convictions cannot be set aside if committed against a person with whom the perpetrator has a domestic relationship.

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to adopt the recommendation set forth in the memo dated 6-18-04 regarding HB5493, and to authorize staff to advocate for the limitations on the domestic violence convictions that can be expunged under MCL 780.621, as described in the 6-18-04 memo. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

Discussed HB5949 that would replace the term "custody" with "parenting time" in the Child Custody Act and in companion bills. MDVPTB staff recommends support for one of the purposes of the bill, which is to de-escalate conflict over parental "rights" to a child, and to focus on the parents' responsibilities toward the child. Staff identifies problems with the bills, as set forth in memo dated 6-18-04 regarding supplemental legislative and case law developments. Staff requests the Board's support in participating in a workgroup to be convened this summer regarding the bills, and to address in the workgroup the concerns identified in the 6-18-04 memo.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to support staff participation in the work group and address the concerns identified in the 6-18-04 memo. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

Discussed SB998 and other companion bills that would establish and govern drug treatment courts. Staff seeks Board direction on the floor amendments set forth in memo dated 6-9-04, with particular focus on

limiting dismissal of DV cases in drug court to only those that are dismissed under MCL 769.4a.

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to approve recommendations for floor amendments to SB998 set forth in memo dated 6-9-04, and to authorize staff to advocate for those floor amendments on behalf of the Board. Seconded by G. Brown. Motion carried.**

Discussed HB5470 that would require divorce education, but would exempt this requirement for survivors of domestic violence. Staff recommends broadening the definition of “domestic violence” in HB5470 to mirror definition in MDVPTB enabling legislation.

**MOTION: Moved by G. Brown to support broadening the definition of “domestic violence” in HB5470 to mirror definition in MDVPTB enabling legislation . Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

Discussed HB5989 that would eliminate the fingerprinting requirement for individuals seeking to renew concealed weapons permits. Staff recommends opposing this bill.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to oppose HB5989. Seconded by L. Rogers. Motion carried.**

D. Cain reported that a meeting is taking place this morning with Senator Schauer, Representative Newell, shelter representatives from Barry and Calhoun County, and others regarding the \$75,000 set aside for a domestic violence shelter in Barry County. A. Krause represented MDVPTB at this meeting and provided a brief review of the meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE**

D. Cain reported that a meeting is scheduled with Representative Van Regenmorter regarding SANE Fund legislation.

D. Cain noted the STOP grant plan for the upcoming year. M. Bynum briefly summarized, noting that the funding plan and language will be similar to the plan from the last 2-3 years, especially since funding has decreased substantially.

**MOTION: Moved by E. Sosnick to approve the STOP plan. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

D. Cain reported that the current version of the FIA draft budget eliminates 1.5 FTE's from the MDVPTB staff allocation based on positions not filled as of 2/14/04 due to hiring restrictions. D. Cain has flagged this with Patrice Eller and expressed concern on behalf of MDVPTB.

D. Cain noted there is a 1-year FVPSA pilot grant available for \$50,000 for migrant and immigrant women. MDVPTB may pursue this grant as a collaboration with Migrant Services.

**Ends Monitoring Contd.**

A Batterers Intervention Panel was assembled to update the Board regarding Batterer Intervention Standards programs, batterers as fathers, and monitoring of batterer intervention programs in Michigan. Presenters were S. Wallace (Battle Creek), G. Thompson (FIA Families First) and D. Garvin (Alternatives to Domestic Abuse/Chair of BISC-MI).

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **PROCESS EVALUATION**

There were no Board comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 2:05 p.m.

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carri Phillips